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For : VACUUM INSULATED EXHAUST TREATMENT DEVICES WITH
RADIALLY-EXTENDING SUPPORT STRUCTURES

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Dear Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed simultaneously with the above-referenced application.

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